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1. OVER THE PAST TEN DAYS, IN THE COURSE OF GENERAL CONVERSATIONS ON IEA MATTERS, SWISS OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN US THEIR VIEWS ON SOME OF THE PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL A, AS FOLLOWS:

A. CHAIRMANSHIP - SWISS DO NOT WANT TO BE AMONG CO-CHAIRMEN AT THE MINISTERIAL IF THAT WOULD MEAN THEY WOULD NOT BE AMONG PARTICIPANTS. FURTHERMORE, THE SWISS DO NOT CONSIDER THEMSELVES NEUTRAL OR THAT THE DESCRIPTION "NEUTRAL PERSONALITY" WOULD APPLY TO THEM (PARA 5, REFTEL B) IN RELATION TO THE MINISTERIAL.

B. OBSERVERS AT COMMISSIONS - SWISS AT WORKING LEVEL HAVE EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A FORMULA WHICH WOULD ALLOW ANY NATION PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE TO OBSERVE BUT NOT TO SPEAK. THEY WONDER HOW THOSE COUNTRIES NOT PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN COMMISSIONS COULD BE KEPT OUT, AND DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEIR PRESENCE ALONE, WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO SPEAK, WOULD BE HARMFUL.

C. SITE FOR MINISTERIAL - OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE SWISS ARE QUITE FLEXIBLE, AND WILL GO ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS, WHETHER IT BE PARIS, VIENNA OR ELSEWHERE, AS LONG AS ADEQUATE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

D. SECRETARIAT - SWITZERLAND ITSELF COULD NOT PRODUCE ONE, EVEN ON THE REDUCED SCALE FAVORED BY THE U.S. OUR CONTACTS WERE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY THE PROPOSAL THAT THE U.N. MIGHT BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A SECRETARIAT, INASMUCH AS THEY HAD UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. POSITION TO BE THAT THE MINISTERIAL SHOULD INVOLVE THE U.N. AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

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